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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61G5/14

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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